

Students' Association Executive Officers Meeting
Monday, 14 August 2006, Canyon Complex Room 162B
Present: Jake Meadows, Rachel Condie, Kitty Cha, Emily Schultz

Meeting began at 8AM, complete with snacks. Thanks Jake!

Jake distributed a meeting agenda.

First item of discussion: Activities.

An idea of planned activities will give perspective on our goals for the next year.
Discussion ensued.

➤ **Continued LANL tours, with expansion into town and Jemez Mountains region**

Helpful to connect with a sponsoring division. Jake discussed possibility of contacting someone at the Materials Recycling Facility to organize a tour in the near future.

➤ **Philanthropy/Community Outreach**

Could have usual social gatherings, but request donations to be distributed to charitable organizations.

Possible idea: Pig Roast in conjunction with a live show from a band, similar to Gordon's Summer Concert Series. Request monetary donation for entrance.
Need to connect with someone at the Community Relations Office (CRO)

➤ **Internal Outreach: Meeting Students in-person**

A brief "appearance" by SA at division social events, such as MSTea and Cookies. Bring literature and have open dialogue with students to meet one another and establish connections. Bringing or offering food at such sessions would certainly help attendance!

➤ **Social Networking**

Thanksgiving and Christmastime holiday parties; possibly rent out ski lodge at Pajarito Mountain. Incorporate with a philanthropic endeavor such as a canned food drive (Thanksgiving) or a Giving Tree (Christmas: select an ornament tag from a Christmas tree to donate a gift to a child in need).

Other possible activities: Bowling (Española), a golf scramble tournament, pool party at the Walkup Aquatic Center, ice skating

➤ **Virtual Networking Operations**

Provide a virtual bulletin board on the SA Website to provide info on local student activities. This would be a place where students could advertise openings on planned hiking trips, rock climbing, rafting, and many more activities. We would need both a posting site and a submission site: a fillable form that links to SA exec email (saexec@lanl.gov) for review (appropriate content, etc.).

Example: A coherent SA-sponsored tour of the Trinity Site during its bi-annual opening in early October is not achievable. An activity posting on a virtual bulletin board on the SA website could inform students how to get there on their own, costs, and a brief history of the Trinity Site.

Second item of discussion: Goals.

- Improving student engagement and involvement in SA and SA-sponsored activities.
- Planning fun, informative, and interactive activities whose benefits could extend beyond the LANL SA community
- Incorporating a greater philanthropic element to SA's activities
- Establishing connections with and between students

Please think of ways that these goals could be more coherently phrased. They will be included in the next Student News, Student Views newsletter. We will discuss the scope and wording of the goals at greater length at the next SA executive meeting.

Third item of discussion: By-Laws

Should be revised per Raea's email to the SA execs last week. Kitty volunteered to check the by-laws thoroughly, and welcomed and encouraged all SA officers to review the by-laws and submit input. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Fourth item of discussion: Website

Kitty's in charge; described dilemma of weird formatting and difficulty in making website modifications.

Continued use of Student Focus, but should be diligently updated to reflect students that are actually here! Some students currently featured have not been at LANL for several years.

Fifth item of discussion: Meetings

SA Executives: 2x per month until we get our feet on the ground. Next meeting; Monday 28 August 2006, 8AM, Canyon Complex rm 162B unless otherwise noted.

Quarterly open meetings: Important to maintain. Helpful to hold meetings shortly after social gatherings such as holiday parties (~1 week after such an event) to boost quarterly meeting attendance.

Action Items

Develop your "niche" committee, or some major activity that you want to champion for the next year.

Think about how to approach our activity of Internal Outreach—getting to know the LANL students.

Jake will follow up on 2 items: Materials Recycling Tour and establishing a contact at the Community Relations Office

Have Carole join us at the next meeting

Meeting adjourned 8:50 AM

Respectfully Submitted 14 August 2006

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